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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 11-18, 25-28, 30, 31 and 35-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-10, 19-24, 29 and 32-34 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in reply to an amendment filed on October 02, 2008. Claims 1 and 28 have been amended. Claims 1-38 are pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1-38 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 11-18, 25-28, 30, 31 and 35-38 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peinado US 2002/0013772 A1 in view of Lampson et al. US 2003/0196099 A1 (hereinafter Lampson).

As per claims 1 and 11-13, Peinado teaches a system comprising:

an output device for outputting data onto a removable storage medium (i.e., figure 13, portable device) ;

a first computing entity arranged to encrypt a first data set (i.e., content), the encrypting done by the first computing entity being based on encryption parameters comprising public data of a trusted party (i.e., PU-BB-PD) and an encryption key string (i.e., content key, KD)

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comprising a second data set that defines a policy for allowing the output of the first data set onto a said removable storage medium (i.e., license/sub-license), the first computing entity being further arranged to output the encrypted first data set for the output device (i.e., content being encrypted according to content key, content key being encrypted according to PU-BB-PD/black box public key, and delivering the encrypted content and sub-license to the portable device, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292); and

a second computing entity associated with the trusted party and arranged when satisfied that said policy has been met, to output for the output device a decryption key, for use in decrypting the encrypted first data set, the second computing entity being arranged to generate this decryption key in dependence on the encryption key string and private data related to said public data (i.e., the portable device/black box decrypting the content key by using private key, PR-BB-PD, that is related to the public key, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292);

the output device being arranged to use the decryption key in decrypting the encrypted first data set (i.e., the portable device using the content key and decrypting the content, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292). Peinado is silent on the encryption key being distinct from the decryption key. However, it is well known to have an encryption key that is distinct from a decryption key for enhancing security of the system. For example, Lampson teaches an encryption/decryption system, including an encryption key that is distinct from a decryption key [see at least the abstract]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to employ the teachings of Lampson within the system of Peinado in order to enhance the security of the system.

As per claims 15, 25 and 26, Peinado teaches a data output method comprising the steps of:

(a) encrypting a first data set the encrypting done by the first computing entity being based on encryption parameters comprising public data of a trusted party (i.e., PU-BB-PD) and an encryption key string (i.e., content key) comprising a second data set that defines a policy (i.e., license/sub-license) for allowing the output of the first data set to a removable storage medium (i.e., content being encrypted according to content key, content key being encrypted according to PU-BB-PD/black box public key, and delivering the encrypted content and sub-license to the portable device, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292),

(b) providing the encrypted first data set to an output device adapted to output data to a removable storage medium (i.e., delivering the encrypted content and sub-license to the portable device, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292);

(c) at the trusted party (portable device black box) checking that said policy has been satisfied and thereafter providing the output device with a decryption key, for use in decrypting the encrypted first data set, this decryption key being generated in dependence on the encryption key string and private data related to said public data (i.e., the portable device/black box decrypting the content key by using private key, PR-BB-PD, that is related to the public key, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292); and

(d) at the output device using the decryption key in decrypting the encrypted first data set and outputting the first data set to a removable recording medium (i.e., the portable device using the content key and decrypting the content, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292).

Peinado is silent on the encryption key being distinct from the decryption key. However, it is well known to have an encryption key that is distinct from a decryption key for enhancing security of the system. For example, Lampson teaches an encryption/decryption system, including an encryption key that is distinct from a decryption key [see at least the abstract]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's

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invention to employ the teachings of Lampson within the system of Peinado in order to enhance the security of the system.

As per claims 28, 30, 31 and 35-37, Peinado teaches a printing system comprising:

a printer [paragraphs 036, 0099, 0267];

a first computing entity arranged to encrypt a first data set (i.e., content) the encrypting done by the first computing entity being based on encryption parameters comprising public data of a trusted party (i.e., PU-BB-PD) and an encryption key string (i.e., content key, KD) comprising a second data set that defines a policy for allowing the output/printing of the first data set onto a said removable storage medium (i.e., license/sub-license), the first computing entity being further arranged to output the encrypted first data set for the output device/printing device (i.e., content being encrypted according to content key, content key being encrypted according to PU-BB-PD/black box public key, and delivering the encrypted content and sub-license to the portable device, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292); and

a second computing entity associated with the trusted party and arranged when satisfied that said policy has been met, to output for the output device a decryption key, for use in decrypting the encrypted first data set, the second computing entity being arranged to generate this decryption key in dependence on the encryption key string and private data related to said public data (i.e., the portable device/black box decrypting the content key by using private key, PR-BB-PD, that is related to the public key, see paragraphs, 0278, 0284-0292);

the output device/printer being arranged to use the decryption key in decrypting the encrypted first data set (i.e., the portable device using the content key and decrypting the content, see paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292).

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Peinado is silent on the encryption key being distinct from the decryption key. However, it is well known to have an encryption key that is distinct from a decryption key for enhancing security of the system. For example, Lampson teaches an encryption/decryption system, including an encryption key that is distinct from a decryption key [see at least the abstract]. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to employ the teachings of Lampson within the system of Peinado in order to enhance the security of the system.

As per claims 2 and 16, Peinado further teaches the system wherein the second computing entity is arranged to generate the decryption key only when said policy has been met [see paragraphs, 0278, 0284-0292].

As per claims 3 and 17, Peinado further teaches the system wherein the second computing entity is arranged to issue to the first computing entity at least one of: the second data set, the encryption key string, a derivative of the encryption key string usable by the first computing entity, in place of the encryption key string, in the encryption of said first data set [paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292].

As per claims 4 and 18, Peinado further teaches the system wherein the second computing entity is arranged to receive the encryption key string directly or indirectly from the first computing entity [paragraphs 0278, 0284-0292].

As per claims 14, 27 and 38, Peinado further teaches the system further comprising a portable device comprising the second computing entity and a first communications interface,

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the output device comprising a second communications interface arranged to cooperate with the first communications interface to enable communication between the second computing entity and the output device, the communications interfaces being such that the portable device must be present at the output device for the communication between the second computing entity to take place [see figure 13].

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-10, 19-24, 29 and 32-34 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BEEMNET W. DADA whose telephone number is (571)272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y. Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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